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TO UM LIBRARY ARCHIVES**

MISSOULA--

Dr. H. G. Merriam, 90, professor emeritus of English at the University of Montana in Missoula, has donated a six-foot stack of correspondence and other material dealing with a Montana magazine and several books to the UM Library archives.

Dale Johnson, UM Library archivist, said much of the material is related to the "Frontier and Midland" magazine, which was founded by Merriam in 1920 and edited and published by him until 1939.

The donation also includes manuscripts for several of Merriam's books, including "The University of Montana: A History," published in 1970, and two which he edited, "Montana Adventure, Recollection of Frank B. Linderman," published in 1968, and "Way Out West," published in 1969. "Way Out West" is a collection of reminiscences and tales compiled from the Open Range section of "Frontier and Midland" magazine.

Besides some of his personal papers and other material relevant to the Rhodes Scholarship program, the Merriam donation also includes the manuscript for "Frontier Woman," an autobiography edited by Merriam which deals with Mary Ronan, a western Montana pioneer.

Merriam served as chairman of the UM Department of English from 1919-54, with the exception of 1939-40 when he was a professor of English at the University of Oregon, Eugene.

He received a bachelor's degree in the classics and science at the University of Wyoming, Laramie, in 1904. A Rhodes Scholar from Wyoming, Merriam attended the University of Oxford, Oxford, England, from 1904-07. Oxford awarded him a bachelor's degree in 1907 and master's degree in English, language and literature in 1912. Merriam received his doctor of philosophy degree in English at Columbia University, New York, N.Y., in 1939.

Before joining the UM faculty in 1919, Merriam taught at Whitman, Beloit and Reed Colleges.